

Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

**Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31 July 2025**

Yorkshire Accountants Ripon



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Fountains Playgroup and Pre School Trustee Annual Report 2024 - 2025

Our Aims

The aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age in a safe, secure and stimulating environment.

We aim to:

- support and help children to feel safe and content in our care. As we care for each individual we develop warm and secure relationships with adults and peers.
- encourage children to explore, experiment, observe and discover, and to take risks and challenges.
- support children to value the culture, religion, race and language of "self" and "others" through sharing and talking about our differences.
- give children the opportunity to enter into the world of imagination, fantasy and role-play.

These aims continue to underpin everything we do and have guided decision-making throughout 2024–2025.

Economic Climate and Fundraising

During 2024–2025 the setting has continued to experience the impact of rising running costs and fluctuations in the number of children attending. As trustees we have remained mindful of the budget and the longer-term sustainability of the playgroup.

A significant development this year has been the national expansion of government-funded childcare, with the phased roll-out of 15 and 30 funded hours for younger children, including those from 9 months old. This change has provided new opportunities for income generation and has supported our efforts to stabilise and grow numbers, particularly as local provisions also see demand rise, we can benefit from increased numbers. We are seeing an increase in enquiries from families who are now eligible for funded hours, and we anticipate this will continue to have a positive financial impact moving forward. This is supported by the increased revenue income from £76,627 in 2024 to £121,320 in 2025, with the majority relating to increased funding.

In addition to maximising the funding opportunities, we have:

- continued to monitor income and expenditure closely and review the budget regularly;
- maintained extended opening hours (early start and late finish on three days per week, in addition to holiday clubs) to offer greater flexibility for families;
- worked to raise the profile of the pre-school locally through advertising, social media and community engagement;
- continued to use Bags2School and Easy Fundraising and expanded public-focused fundraising events.

Fundraising and increasing the number of children attending remain key priorities. We continue to hold reserves in a savings account to protect trustees, committee members and the Charity, and to provide resilience against unexpected changes in income or costs.

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Policies

Our policies are regularly reviewed and updated in line with the Pre-School Learning Alliance (PLA). As policies have become more complex documents we have continued to use the PLA policy model.

We maintain our strong commitment to safeguarding, with regular staff training ensuring that knowledge remains updated in line with current requirements. All policies are held in the setting and are available to read on request.

Community Links

Our group remains committed to working closely with the community. Strong links with Fountains School continue to be developed, supporting smooth transitions for children moving on to school.

We also maintain and value our links with the village community, including:

- use of the Village Hall;
- use of the playing field for outdoor learning and forest school sessions;
- opportunities for families and local residents to participate in fundraising and events.

These links enrich children's experiences and help ensure we remain an active and valued part of the local community.

Looking Ahead: Future Sustainability

Looking ahead, the trustees recognise the importance of long-term sustainability and operational resilience. To support this, we are actively exploring the possibility of the playgroup becoming part of Fountains CE Primary School.

Joining LDLT would offer a number of potential benefits, including:

- greater organisational stability;
- access to wider professional expertise;
- reduced overheads through shared services and economies of scale;
- improved efficiencies across administration, safeguarding, finance and HR functions.

This exploration is at an early stage, but it reflects our commitment to ensuring that Fountains Playgroup and Pre School continues to thrive, offering high-quality early education for children and families for many years to come.

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Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2025

INCOME		2025	2024
		£	£
INCOME			
Fees Received	- Resource Fee	1,262.10	1,375.00
	- Playgroup	22,049.54	24,035.68
	- 3 Year Old Funding	94,745.00	40,219.00
	- Uniform	201.50	209.50
	- After School	1,035.00	2,724.00
Fund Raising	- Xmas Fundraiser	816.86	941.22
	- Fashion Show	0.00	1,554.27
	- Bags 2 School	116.00	417.00
	- Pub Quiz	0.00	123.00
	- Scavenger Hunt	0.00	167.30
	- Easy Fundraising	470.94	274.31
	- Trips	0.00	135.00
	- Welton Trust	0.00	500.00
	- Jumble Sale	187.50	315.00
	- Tractor Raffle	67.00	0.00
	- Bake Sale	10.00	0.00
	- Ice-Cream	0.00	29.00
	- Nidderdale Walk	90.00	514.56
Donations		300.00	3,000.00
Bank Compensation		0.00	
Stock Change		-31.00	-27.50
Gross Bank Interest		0.00	120.30
TOTAL INCOME		121,320.44	76,626.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-85,024.70	-71,794.91
PROFIT/DEFICIT FOR YEAR		<u>36,295.74</u>	<u>4,831.76</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries, NI and Pensions	65,289.06	52,707.43
Insurance and Subs	882.26	613.36
Premises – Rent and Rates	1,461.09	930.75
Electric	1,800.90	1,196.87
Water, Sewerage & Cleaning	5,241.15	6,642.97
Repairs and Renewals	180.00	2,446.79
Meals	2,555.30	1,669.18
Consumables	219.22	289.53
Uniforms Staff	289.16	230.31
Children	0.00	0.00
Training	1,558.50	885.52
Equipment Purchased	0.00	209.20
Ofsted	50.00	63.00
Trips	1,150.00	699.00
Telephone & Broadband	672.56	873.03
Stationary and Copying	2,364.16	513.03
Accountancy	883.60	1,264.80
Miscellaneous	330.24	236.74
Advertising	0.00	248.00
Fundraising	97.50	75.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	85,024.70	71,794.91

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Balance Sheet As At 31 July 2025

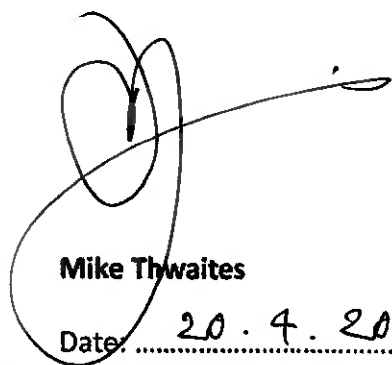
	2025 £	2024 £
ASSETS		
New Building	93,977.96	93,977.96
Outdoor Play Equipment	10,015.22	10,015.22
Equipment	5,389.79	5,389.79
Computer Equipment	4,377.94	4,377.94
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	87,615.95	59,652.14
Savings Account	0.00	0.00
Cash in Hand – Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Stock	90.00	121.00
Debtors	4,626.75	1,008.44
Creditors	-3,336.46	-8,081.08
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>202,757.15</u>	<u>166,461.41</u>
Accumulated at start of year	166,461.41	161,629.65
Surplus for year	36,295.74	4,831.76
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	<u>202,757.15</u>	<u>166,461.41</u>

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Accounts Report to

Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

We have approved the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2025. In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared this unaudited Income and Expenditure Account from the accounting records and explanations supplied to us.



Mike Thwaites
Date: 20.4.2026

Client Approval Certificate

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2025 and confirm that we have made available relevant records and information for its preparation.

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Richard Harte

Date: 16/04/2026